



BLANCO COUNTY WHEELS AND FEET TASK FORCE

Project Goal

Produce an alternative trails system, including hike and bike trails through greenspace and pedestrian/non-motorized vehicle infrastructure in communities, for Blanco County, Texas. Address traffic management issues along two major US highways, including pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

Background

Blanco County is a rural region between two fast-growing metropolitan areas (San Antonio and Austin). Growth is accelerating in the county as the exurban fringes of the metropolitan areas expand closer, and highway traffic is increasing as a result of both normal growth and the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The opportunity currently exists to designate greenspace corridors and establish alternative transportation patterns which will help the communities of Blanco County preserve their cultural and natural resources and address growth issues more effectively.

Project Results to Date

- Mission Statement Complete
- Redesign of an existing nature trail is underway

National Park Service Role

RTCA will provide planning facilitation and technical support to the process, including community outreach support and transportation studies. RTCA will also provide informa-

tion on both technical and funding resources. RTCA will also ensure that infrastructure planning in Johnson City addresses the future needs of the LBJ National Historical Park, including the groundwork for future gateway planning. Specifically to date, RTCA has provided technical support to a redevelopment of an existing nature trail, brought in pro-bono design support for a small creek restoration, initiated a county-wide inventory of cultural and natural resources, and led several meetings to support organizational development needs.

Project Partners

- The Blanco County Citizens Assembly, Wheels and Feet Task Force
- City of Johnson City
- City of Blanco
- Blanco County
- LBJ National Historical Park
- Blanco State Park

Blanco: Town Creek Nature Trail



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